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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY OR AGENT**

Under 37 CFR §10.40(c) Permissive Withdrawal

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Sir:

I hereby apply to withdraw as attorney or agent for the above-identified application on behalf of myself and the attorneys and agents listed below:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36 and 10.40, the undersigned attorney of record applies withdrawal from representation of the above-identified patent application for the following reason(s):

**CFR §10.40**

(c) **Permissive withdrawal.** If paragraph (b) of this section is not applicable, a practitioner may not request permission to withdraw in matters pending before the Office unless such request or such withdrawal is because:

(1) The petitioner's client:

- ☐ (i) Insists upon presenting a claim or defense that is not warranted under existing law and cannot be supported by good faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of existing law;
- ☐ (ii) Personally seeks to pursue an illegal course of conduct;
- ☐ (iii) Insists that the practitioner pursue a course of conduct that is illegal or that is prohibited under a Disciplinary Rule;
- ☒ (iv) By other conduct renders it unreasonably difficult for the practitioner to carry out the employment effectively;
- ☐ (v) Insists, in a matter not pending before a tribunal, that the practitioner engage in conduct that is contrary to the judgment and advice of the practitioner but not prohibited under the Disciplinary Rule; or
- ☐ (vi) Has failed to pay one or more bills rendered by the practitioner for an unreasonable period of time or has failed to honor an agreement to pay a retainer in advance of the performance of legal services.

☐ (2) The practitioner's continued employment is likely to result in a violation of a Disciplinary Rule;

☐ (3) The practitioner's inability to work with co-counsel indicates that the best interest of the client likely will be served by withdrawal;

☐ (4) The practitioner's mental or physical condition renders it difficult for the practitioner to carry out the employment effectively;

☐ (5) The practitioner's client knowingly and freely assents to termination of the employment; or

☐ (6) The practitioner believes in good faith, in a proceeding pending before the Office, that the Office will find the existence of other good cause for withdrawal.

**Status of Application Prosecution:**

Maintenance Fee is due on December 12, 2009.

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